market would be higher in view of the various distribution and marketing costs and retailers' margins involved. The auction system is a platform for efficient price discovery mechanism and ensures competition amongst the buyers through a transparent bidding process.

Export of dairy products

4345. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of dairy products during the last three years has shot up despite India holding marginal ranking in production of milk in the world;

(b) if so, the year-wise import of the same during the said period;

(c) the steps being taken for importing the same; and

(d) the names of the States leading in milk production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the provision of Livestock Importation Act, 1989, import of all livestock products including dairy products is allowed against the sanitary import permit after conducting the risk analysis.

(d) The States leading in milk production are Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Foreign Trade Policy 2005-06

4346. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Foreign Trade Policy 2005-06;

(b) the export targets fixed for agriculture, textiles, gems and jewellary and marine products; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to achieve the export target fixed for these sectors?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) Details of the Foreign Trade Policy are available at the website of Director General of Foreign Trade at http://degft.delhi.nic.in. The copies of the document are available at the Parliament Library.

(b) India's export target for all the products for the year 2005-06 has been fixed at 92 billion dollars.

(c) Foreign Trade Policy has been declared agriculture, textiles, gems and jewellery and marine sectors as thrust sectors because of their large employment generation potential. The specific facilities given to these sectors have been defined in chapter 1B of the foreign Trade Policy (2004-09). Besides, all other major export facilitation schemes continue to be available to promote exports from these sectors.

Curbs on indiscriminate import of cotton and edible oil

4347. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to curb indiscriminate import of cotton and edible oils which had led to a fall in prices of these commodities in the domestic market leading to a crisis;

(b) if so, the modalities and mode of monitoring such curbs;

(c) if not, the reasons for not implementing vigorous constant monitoring curbs;

(d) whether Government propose to increase import duty on cotton and edible oils and impose restrictive import quantities measures to encourage domestic sales; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) to (e) Quantitative restrictions on the import of various items including cotton & edible oils have been removed as a part of the process of econorpic liberalization and also in terms of our international commitments and obligations. The